

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A recording medium reproduction apparatus for reproducing a DVD recording medium in which recorded data and table of contents data including recording medium side reproduction restriction information for restricting reproduction of the recorded data is recorded, said recording medium reproduction apparatus comprising:

recording means in which apparatus side reproduction restriction information related to recording medium side reproduction restriction information is recorded;

information reading means which reads the apparatus side reproduction restriction information recorded in said recording means and also reads the recording medium side reproduction restriction information from the recording medium before reproducing the recorded data from the recording medium;

comparing means which compares the apparatus side reproduction restriction information with the recording medium side reproduction restriction information each read from said information reading means;

determination means which determines whether reproduction of the recorded data is to be allowed or not based on the comparison result of said comparing means;

control means which stops reproduction of the recorded data and outputs and displays the recording medium side reproduction restriction information when said determination means determines that the reproduction of the recorded data is not allowed;

an OSD generating means;

a displaying means; and

a reproducing means,

wherein the recording medium side reproduction restriction information is a region code,
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wherein when said determination means determines that the reproduction of the recorded data is not allowed, said control means generates character signal related to an error signal and a recording medium side reproducing restriction information in said OSD generating means, and outputs and displays on said displaying means with superposing on a video signal; and

wherein a reason why the stoppage of the reproduction occurs is displayed, when the apparatus side reproduction information and the recording medium side reproduction restriction information do not coincide with each other.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) A recording medium reproduction apparatus for reproducing a DVD recording medium in which recorded data and table of contents data including recording medium side reproduction restriction information for restricting reproduction of the recorded data is recorded, said recording medium reproduction apparatus comprising:

recording member in which apparatus side reproduction restriction information related to recording medium side reproduction restriction information is recorded;

information reading member which reads the apparatus side reproduction restriction information recorded in said recording member and also reads the recording medium side reproduction restriction information from the recording medium before reproducing the recorded data from the recording medium;

comparing member which compares the apparatus side reproduction restriction information

with the recording medium side reproduction restriction information each read from said information reading member;

determination member which determines whether reproduction of the recorded data is to be allowed or not based on the comparison result of said comparing member;

control member which stops reproduction of the recorded data and outputs and displays the recording medium side reproduction restriction information when said determination member determines that the reproduction of the recorded data is not allowed;

an OSD generating member;

a displaying member; and

a reproducing member,

wherein the recording medium side reproduction restriction information is a region code, and

wherein when said determination member determines that the reproduction of the recorded data is not allowed, said control member generates character signal related to an error signal and a recording medium side reproducing restriction information in said OSD generating member, and outputs and displays on said displaying member with superposing on a video signal; and

wherein a reason why the stoppage of the reproduction occurs is displayed, when the apparatus side reproduction information and the recording medium side reproduction restriction information do not coincide with each other.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) The recording medium reproduction apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a receiving means coupled to the outside of said recording medium reproduction apparatus, wherein

when said determination means determines that the reproduction of the recorded data is not allowed, said control means outputs and displays information on said receiving means and on said displaying means.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) The recording medium reproduction apparatus according to claim 3, further comprising:

a receiving member coupled to the outside of said recording medium reproduction apparatus, wherein

when said determination member determines that the reproduction of the recorded data is not allowed, said control member outputs and displays information on said receiving member and on said displaying member.

10. (Canceled)